

STATE OF WISCONSIN Division of Hearings and Appeals

In the Matter of

DECISION

MPA/155570

PRELIMINARY RECITALS

Pursuant to a petition filed February 13, 2014, under Wis. Stat. § 49.45(5), and Wis. Admin. Code § HA 3.03(1), to review a decision by the Division of Health Care Access and Accountability in regard to Medical Assistance, a hearing was held on May 13, 2014, at Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

There is no issue remaining for determination by the Division of Hearings and Appeals.

There appeared at that time and place the following persons:

PARTIES IN INTEREST:

Petitioner:



Respondent:

Department of Health Services 1 West Wilson Street, Room 651 Madison, Wisconsin 53703

By: OIG by letter

Division of Health Care Access and Accountability 1 West Wilson Street, Room 272

P.O. Box 309

Madison, WI 53707-0309

ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE:

Mayumi M. Ishii

Division of Hearings and Appeals

DISCUSSION

The Petitioner filed an appeal to contest the denial of a prior authorization request for personal care worker hours that had been submitted by First Choice Health Care (First Choice). However, since then, First Choice has reported to the Petitioner and his daughter that they were not providing personal care services at this time, that the Department of Health Services was suspending all payments to them and that they were being investigated for fraud.

Because the request for prior authorization was for First Choice to provide personal care services to the Petitioner, because the Department of Health Services has suspended all payments to First Choice and because First Choice is no longer providing personal care services to anyone, the Petitioner's appeal has been rendered moot.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

There is no longer an issue remaining for determination by the Division of Hearings and Appeals.

THEREFORE, it is

ORDERED

That the petition is dismissed.

REQUEST FOR A REHEARING

This is a final administrative decision. If you think this decision is based on a serious mistake in the facts or the law, you may request a rehearing. You may also ask for a rehearing if you have found new evidence which would change the decision. Your request must explain what mistake the Administrative Law Judge made and why it is important or you must describe your new evidence and tell why you did not have it at your first hearing. If you do not explain these things, your request will have to be denied.

To ask for a rehearing, send a written request to the Division of Hearings and Appeals, P.O. Box 7875, Madison, WI 53707-7875. Send a copy of your request to the other people named in this decision as "PARTIES IN INTEREST." Your request for a rehearing must be received no later than 20 days after the date of the decision. Late requests cannot be granted.

The process for asking for a rehearing is in Wis. Stat. § 227.49. A copy of the statutes can be found at your local library or courthouse.

APPEAL TO COURT

You may also appeal this decision to Circuit Court in the county where you live. Appeals must be served and filed with the appropriate court no more than 30 days after the date of this hearing decision (or 30 days after a denial of rehearing, if you ask for one).

For purposes of appeal to circuit court, the Respondent in this matter is the Department of Health Services. After filing the appeal with the appropriate court, it must be served on the Secretary of that Department, either personally or by certified mail. The address of the Department is: 1 West Wilson Street, Room 651, Madison, Wisconsin 53703. A copy should also be sent to the Division of Hearings and Appeals, 5005 University Avenue, Suite 201, Madison, WI 53705-5400.

The appeal must also be served on the other "PARTIES IN INTEREST" named in this decision. The process for appeals to the Circuit Court is in Wis. Stat. §§ 227.52 and 227.53.

Given under my hand at the City of Milwaukee, Wisconsin, this 28th day of May, 2014.

\sMayumi M. Ishii Administrative Law Judge Division of Hearings and Appeals

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The preceding decision was sent to the following parties on May 28, 2014.

Division of Health Care Access and Accountability